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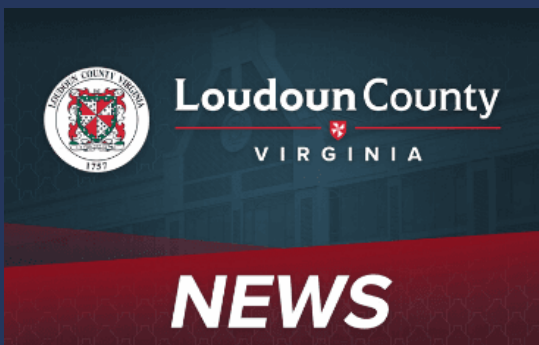
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## DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE ~APRIL 22, 2020~

### Loudoun County Announces \$1.15M COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund



Yesterday, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$1 million in grant funding for the COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund to support Loudoun businesses impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

Money for the COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund is being diverted from the county's \$2.1 million

Commercial Business Incentive Fund, which is used for business attraction and retention efforts under normal circumstances. Drawing from this fund will support some of Loudoun's most vulnerable businesses without increasing the county's debt load.

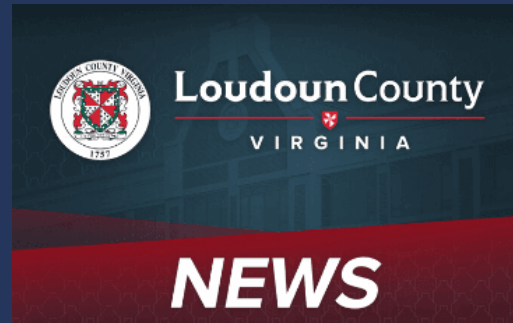
The fund will open for applications at noon on April 29, 2020, and remain open for 72 hours, closing at noon on May 2, 2020.

[Find Out More](#)

## Board Approves Nonprofit Human Service Grant Funding Awards for FY 2021

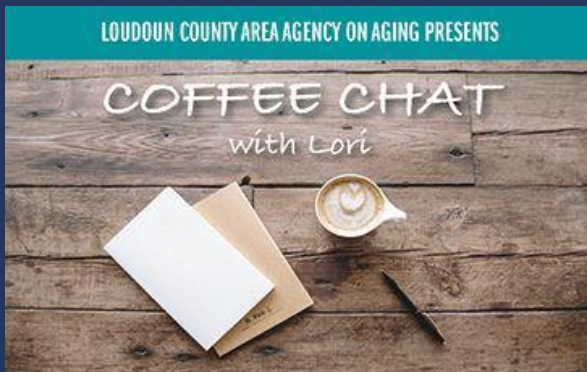
The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved annual awards for funding to community nonprofit organizations during its meeting on April 21, 2020.

Funding opportunities were made available to tax-exempt, private, nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations that provide human services to Loudoun County residents in the areas of need identified and approved by the Board of Supervisors for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021), which begins July 1, 2020.



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## Virtual Coffee Chat for Caregivers & Older Adults



The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has launched a virtual coffee chat program.

If you are a caregiver or an adult 60 and older in need of support during these challenging times, you can sign up for a virtual coffee chat with Elder Resources Case Manager Lori Stahl. Support can be provided by phone or

FaceTime.

Email [aaasupport@loudoun.gov](mailto:aaasupport@loudoun.gov) or call [571-233-2583](tel:571-233-2583) to sign up.

To learn more about AAA programs and community resources, call [703-777-0257](tel:703-777-0257) to speak with an aging programs specialist. The Area Agency on Aging is

a division of the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

## Supporting Businesses

In addition to their ongoing support of commerce and displace workers in the Loudoun Economy through their [COVID-19 website](#), Loudoun Economic Development has joined forces with [Visit Loudoun](#) and the [Loudoun Chamber of Commerce](#) with an important call to action for consumers: [Take Loudoun Home](#).



By visiting [TakeLoudounHome.org](#), consumers can search interactive maps of participating businesses, take virtual tours, read inspiring business stories, and shop from the new Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown Marketplace. Read their blog for their list of:

- Local businesses that are offering [educational craft and activities](#) like craft kits to-go, creative online art classes, games and other activities;
- [Local gyms and studios](#) offering free in-home workouts, plus a few gyms offering special discounts to new members;
- Local [farms and markets](#);
- [Breweries that are currently offering delivery](#), with some fun delivery options; and
- [Loudoun wineries](#) offering virtual experiences from different wineries in the region.

## VDH Weekly COVID-19 Activity Report



As the number of cases and deaths have grown, and as the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) continues to refine their data processes, they are able to share more

information with the public on the VDH [COVID-19 data dashboard](#) and in their [Weekly COVID-19 Activity Report](#).

Starting this week, VDH will begin reporting:

- Cases, hospitalizations, and fatalities at the locality level;
- Cases, hospitalizations, and fatalities by demographics at the district level;
- Ability to differentiate between confirmed and probable cases; and
- Rates per 100,000 population.

## Facebook Small Business Grants Program

Many businesses have experienced disruptions and closures during the COVID-19 crisis, and Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits to 30,000 businesses to help during this challenging time.



The program can help with keeping your workforce going strong, your rent costs, connecting with more customers, and covering operational expenses.

[Find Out More and View the Application Guide](#)

## Have You Recovered from COVID-19? We Need Your Help!



In concert with the FDA Plasma Donation Initiative, Inova Health System is looking for individuals recovered from COVID-19 to donate plasma for a research study.

The plasma contains immunoglobulins (immune protection) and this study will use the plasma to help patients currently sick with COVID-19 disease.

If you, or someone you know, has had and recovered from COVID, please consider donating.

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## Virtual Support Group Launched for Caregivers of Loved Ones with Memory Loss

The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging has launched a virtual support group for caregivers of loved ones suffering from memory loss.

While in-person caregiver support services are currently suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the virtual group offers an opportunity for caregivers to still connect in a safe space and share tips and resources on how to navigate the oftentimes difficult journey of being a caregiver.



[Learn More](#)

## Virtual Coffee with a Career Counselor



The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is hosting a virtual Coffee with a Career Counselor event.

If you're wondering whether you should continue or even begin your job search during the coronavirus pandemic, the answer is YES!

Grab a cup of coffee and join WRC online. Sign up for one of their

GoToMeeting sessions for an overview of the current job market, resume tips and a Q&A discussion.

[Sign Up Here](#)

## Eligible Veterans Can Get a Free Facebook Portal

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that eligible veterans can now receive a free Portal, a video calling device from Facebook.

This initiative is part of a public-private partnership with Facebook, the American Red Cross Military Veteran Caregiver Network.



These devices help veterans connect with their caregivers, families, and friends to reduce isolation and improve social connectivity.

[Learn More](#)

## Loudoun County Parks & Recreation is Open Virtually



The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) is open virtually while its centers are closed and programs canceled in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The department launched a new [web page](#) featuring video playlists, a rotating video spotlight, virtual tours, how-to guides, children's activities, community resources and more. The page includes links to all of all of the department's Facebook pages, where followers can find engaging posts and videos daily.

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## Loudoun County Public Libraries to Expand Digital Services

Loudoun County Public Library is continuing to expand digital services to aid customers during its closure due to the COVID-19 virus.

Customers can now access the [Consumer's Checkbook](#) database at home, which provides unbiased reviews of local services like doctors, auto repair shops, contractors and more. The Public Library also well aware that saving money is at the forefront of many of our customers' minds right now and wanted to remind you of all the ways the library can save you money.

- [Ancestry.com](#): FREE (annual savings of \$298)
- [Lynda.com](#): FREE (annual savings of \$359.88)
- [Consumer Reports Digital](#): FREE (annual savings of \$59)
- [Mango Languages](#): FREE (Rosetta Stone, \$35.97-\$200)
- [Audiobooks on OverDrive](#): FREE (Audible, \$14.95/month)
- [Freegal streaming music](#): FREE (Pandora, \$59.88-\$119.88/annually)



## NOVA to Offer Tuition-Free Summer Online Courses for Region's High School Students



NOVA understands the concerns facing area high school students and their parents in this time of uncertainty and growing financial insecurity.

To support these students, NOVA has launched a new summer schedule of **tuition-free online classes** for approximately 70,000 qualified Northern Virginia high school students.

This is a timely opportunity for rising and graduating seniors to JumpStart their summers and earn college credit by attending up to two online courses that will run from June 1 to July 15. The online courses have been selected because they fulfill not only NOVA degree requirements but also transfer to most colleges and universities.

[Learn More](#)

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Uncertainty associated with a global pandemic can cause anxiety, tension and irritability for children and caregivers. The United Nations recently raised the alarm that reports of domestic violence have soared around the world, underscoring how unsafe homes can be during a pandemic.

Child welfare experts are concerned about three conditions happening right now:

- Routines are being disrupted
- Jobs have evaporated
- Children are isolated from others who care

During these challenging times, it is important to learn more about child abuse, abuse prevention, and available resources to best help children and families thrive in Loudoun County.

[Learn More about Child Abuse Prevention](#)



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Keep children safe and families strong in Loudoun.

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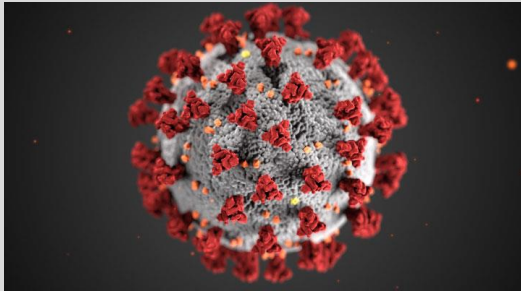
[loudoun.gov/cps](http://loudoun.gov/cps)

## Stay Informed!

Keeping with the Board of Supervisors' policy, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board's [advisory boards, commissions and committees](#) are canceled while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. The county will provide updated



information on meeting status as this rapidly evolving situation continues. For the most current schedule, please visit [loudoun.gov/calendar](https://loudoun.gov/calendar).



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](https://loudoun.gov/coronavirus).
- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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